

**VILLAGE OF CASSOPOLIS
WORKSHOP MEETING
August 23, 2021**

President Johnson called the Workshop Meeting of the Cassopolis Village Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Luckey, Conner, Johnson, Williams and Pedersen

Council Members Absent: Kelly and Danzy-Yeager

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Approval of Agenda: Conner motioned, seconded by Williams, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of PA 152 after Item C.

Motion Carried.

Workshop Discussion:

- A. Tree Removal Project (See Attachment 1): Every year we budget for tree removal, of the two quotes, Williams A-1 came in significantly lower to complete the six trees.
- B. Council Pay Raise (See Attachment 2): This is the first reading of the ordinance amendment to increase the Council pay before adoption.
- C. Rural Task Force Grants (See Attachments 3&4): These resolutions are to apply for the 2024-2026 round of funding to repave Hilton & W. State St. We have to request early to get on the list and then wait for funding. The local match is \$48,000 for Hilton St. and \$70,000 for W. State St.
- D. PA 152: This is the annual resolution to opt out of requiring employees to pay a portion of health insurance. The Council has wanted to keep this benefit for the employees.
- E. Supplemental Documents: The Chamber is having a game day at the ballpark on September 5th and the Vietnam memorial traveling wall will be passing through the Village and stopping in Edwardsburg for September 18th & 19th.

Manager's Report:

Village Manager Sarratore informed Council that the post for the speed signs have been ordered and the panel for Police Chief interviews has been set; the interviews will be completed in a few weeks.

Public Comment:

Justin Neuerberg asked about sidewalks with curbs and gutters around the village. Village Manager Sarratore explained that we are looking for funding to help repave roads and install sidewalk, curb and gutters where applicable.

Nick Dillingham expressed his feelings and concerns regarding the beach due to him having to break up fights, the safety of his family and unsupervised children. He would like to see more of a police presence there. There was discussion with Council to address his concerns.

Ted Gogol gave an update on the potential water park on Stone Lake. The proposed design and location were changed to address concerns that some of the residents presented at previous meetings. They are working to finalize the design before submitting an application to EGLE. Nick Dillingham asked about the ecological impact and expressed his concern regarding being able to fish in that area. Johnson informed him that the ecological impact has been taken into consideration with the help of the biologist and the State entities that are involved. Justin Neuerberg asked about parking. Village Manager Sarratore informed him that we are working to address additional parking.

Miscellaneous Council Concerns/Items:

Williams asked if there is funding for additional officers to police the beach. Village Manager Sarratore stated that can be discussed during the next budget round.

Adjournment:

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Tonia Betty, Village Clerk

Reviewed by: _____
David L. Johnson, Village President